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**Law between Past and Future:
Legal Romanticism in the Creation of Russia's New Civil Code
1991-1995.**

Civil Code of Russian Federation (1995) codified the abstract principles of market economy into a systematic legislation introducing a new mechanism of economic activities and legal position of Russian civilians. Being an important step towards a new economic system, the Civil Code was to replace soviet plan economy of the Past into a free market reality of the Future.

Simultaneously, drafters of the Code found themselves in turbulent Now - highly criminalised "wild" capitalism of beginning of 1990s. Under these circumstances they perceived their mission in drafting a scenario for development of future economic relations, which would bring in order and justice for every actor in the sphere of private law. However, "constructing" goal of the provisions of the Code was challenged by the circumstances of drafting process. Its overregulated articles which were aimed to protect main principles of private economic interest and become an "Economic Constitution" of future Russia in fact were written in Past tense with high dominance of public ethos.